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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady, instances firm. Light trading was reported for prompt and deferred shipments. Offerings are tight for prompt deliveries and light to moderate for deferred shipments. Demand was light to moderate. Parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. Demand was mixed. Offerings were adequate to short.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was fair. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate to short.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 20, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	74-75	75	75.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	73-74	74	74.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	74-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	76-77	76.43	140	78.00	80	AUG	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-75	-	-	-	77.00	20	AUG	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	77	77.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-75	74	74.00	10	77.00	20	AUG	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JULY 21, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	76.43	74.00	70.33
CENTRAL REGION	73.70 **	74.00	72.10 **
WESTERN REGION	74.60 **	74.50 **	72.60 **
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	76.20	74.00	72.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	74.00	74.00	72.69
WESTERN REGION	74.60 **	74.50 **	72.00 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	75-82

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	112-120

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of July 24, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	86.44	340,000
16-24 lbs.	85.13	23,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

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Total Volume:                      393,000

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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 15-JuL-2006 (Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>		<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>		
North East	732	14	23.94	(A)	733	23.94
South Atlantic	781	8	35.09	(A)	781	35.09
North Central	2,296	33	31.82	(A)	2,296	31.82
South Central	716	36	19.30	(A)	716	19.30
West	325	22	23.71	(A)	325	23.71

U.S. total                      4,850(B) 25                      28.77                      1                      4,851                      28.77

To-date

2006                      124,271(B)                      142                      124,413

To-date

2005                      118,969(B)                      89                      119,058

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 16,000; for the current year to date 609,000; for last year to date 652,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

June    483,517\*

July 1 - 15, 2006    199,733\*

To date 2006    2,798,735\*

To date 2005    2,757,763\*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
W/E 15-JuL-2006					
Head	1,931	2,903	16	1	4,851
Avg Wt	16.45	36.96	27.51	57.57	28.77
Last week	1,677	2,183	22	0	3,882
Same wk yr ago	1,959	2,630	22	14	4,625
Avg Wt	16.01	36.65	25.22	34.22	27.85
To-date/2006	53,458	70,204	609	142	124,413
To-date/2005	47,114	71,203	652	89	119,058

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT.** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 JULY 2006.

The market tone on white meat was steady to firm with breast meat and destrapped tenderloins in the strongest position. Demand moderate to good, best on breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Offerings short to instances light. Some processors note continued heat losses in the Midwest due to heat wave. The market tone on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts steady to firm, plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts barely steady to fully steady, institutional sized breasts steady to firm with 12 lb. and heavier sizes in the strongest position. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts short to instances fully adequate, balance of rib breasts short to instances light. Trading slow to moderate and centered on frozen thigh meat and tom 2-joint wings for export for July-August shipments. For domestic: frozen breeder hen breast meat 167, Grade A rib breasts: 8-10 lb. 120, 10-12 lb. 145, 12-16 lb. 170 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 24, Russian frozen thigh meat 100 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	119.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	145.00	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	117.00	440
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	30.53	256
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	28.00		28.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	40.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	102.00	120
NECKS, TOM		F	22.13	64
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	186.00		186.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	218.00-220.00		218.50	160
THIGH MEAT		F	72.00	9
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	75.20	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	123.00	34
TENDERLOINS		M	177.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	182.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	212.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	98.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	23.08	178
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00-32.00		31.28	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	31.00		31.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.50-46.00		42.00	312
TAILS		T	32.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	74.00-78.00		77.06	340

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom drums at least steady, tom necks steady to instances fully steady, tom full-cut wings steady to fully steady and tom 2-joint steady to firm. Demand light to moderate. Export interest was noted from Asia and Mexico. Offerings short to adequate and held with increased confidence. The market tone on white meat was steady to firm. Demand moderate to good with interest starting to be noted for 2007 fresh tom breast meat contracts. Offerings short to light. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh tom wings 31, tom defatted gizzards 51-53, fresh wing meat with skin 100-105, fresh scapula 124-129, fresh breast trim 121-127, Grade A non basted 8-10 lb. breasts 135 and 12-16 lb. 175, frozen young hen breast meat 166, frozen destrapped tenderloins 185 ceiling July shipments, frozen tom breast meat 193-195 ceilings for July-August shipments, For export: livers 13, frozen -20% MST -45 days age 18, fresh tom drums 30, fresh thigh meat 73-74 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	119.00	400	119.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	135.00		135.00	13	141.58	38
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	117.00	440	116.57	458
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-33.00		31.21	78	31.31	372
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	30.00-32.00		31.09	110	31.09	110
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	20	31.60	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00-33.00		32.48	230	32.48	230
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	29.00		29.00	40	28.74	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00		40.00	20	40.00	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	106.00		106.00	20	102.57	140
NECKS, TOM	23.00-25.00		23.72	72	23.72	72
NECKS, HEN	22.00-26.00		24.00	32	24.00	32
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	187.00		187.00	120	186.75	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	218.00-222.00		219.84	493	219.91	933
THIGH MEAT		F	72.00	9		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	75.00		75.00	18	75.00	18
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	122.00	40	122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	125.00-126.00		125.80	50	124.67	84
TENDERLOINS	175.00-179.00		177.86	70	177.67	90
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	182.00		182.00	20	182.00	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	98.00	80	98.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	215.00		215.00	4	212.14	84
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00-24.00		23.70	152	24.06	490
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	34.00-38.00		37.18	196	31.59	1576
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	31.00	40	32.38	129
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.33	156	43.42	624
TAILS	34.00		34.00	160	33.70	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	77.00		77.00	40	75.86	580

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